

Around the World with Stan Delaplane

HAWAII — Aloha brudda, worn out TOO much! We just did an 8-day tour of Hawaii. Into the sightseeing limousine. Out of the plane. Bags outside your door at 8 a.m. "Eight fun-packed days, seven glamorous nights," says the folder. Let me tell you, brudda, you no wastetime. Plenty holo holo everywhere.

Your traveling companions are thirty-five other people who: Are twice as many women as men. Nine of ten on their first trip to Hawaii. Half on their first airplane flight. Mostly 40 to 60 years.

It's a bargain if you can take the pace. From the West Coast, \$349. From the Midwest, \$569. From the East, \$589. (A little higher in top season. For \$130 more you can take the 16-day tour. Better send for the complete folder on this.)

Four islands: Three days in Waikiki. Hotels, except for one, were absolutely tops. Flight is on World Airways 707 jet. First-class leg room, cocktail and meal service. Lady next to me was holding a St. Christopher medal. But if you're a first-timer, be comforted. World has won the highest safety award two years running. And Hawaiian Air — you fly them in the islands — has never dunked a plane in 20 years of flying.

Europe. Is it customary to tip the guide and driver? Some people say yes and some tell us no."

It is customary. Because some Good Time Charlie on your tour will announce he is taking up a collection for good old Pierre. So I go along with it. And you probably will too.

Now, Pierre is getting 15 per cent commission — or better — on everything you buy. That's why he stopped at the coral factory so long. (Pierre cuts the driver in for a little.) He gets 10 per cent on the Swiss watch you buy. And he'll get something from the restaurant and night club he recommended to you.

"How do you find mileage between European cities?"

Hertz rent cars will give you a chart on this free. And while you're at it, ask for their folder on "Open Road Tours." Tours you take yourself with a rent car, mapping and hotels lined up in advance.

"Do we need an International Driver's License in Europe?"

Not required this side of the Iron Curtain. But AA says they advise having one because some European policemen might not have heard you don't need one. It's an insurance. You need two passport photos, your own driver's license and \$3. Any AAA office.

"Isn't there some organization that arranges exchanging houses for vacation?"

Vacation Exchange Club, 550 Fifth Avenue, New York City publishes a directory. Listing is \$5 — add \$2.50 if you wish a photograph. Holiday Home Exchange Bureau, Inc., Grants, New Mexico. They charge a \$25 fee to set up the exchange. The New York club is a do-it-yourself thing.

"We would like to go to Hawaii but wonder if we would be too regimented on one of the tours..."

True, they keep you moving. And you MUST be on time for planes. But if it's too much, you don't have to do ALL the sightseeing trips. Skip the morning run and flake out on the beach. ("That boy was not behind the door when the brains were passed out," said my grandma.)

I met a woman on the beach who was going single. She found it a lonesome time in the Outer Islands. Singles should stay at Waikiki. You always meet someone on the beach there. People on our tour seemed to get together in the evenings for drinks or dinner. At the end of eight days, everybody knew each other and were full of aloha.

I checked the costs. I think it would be at least \$100 more going it alone. Now, the Hawaii tour people tell me very few people do a tour the second time. A Kona hotel man said: "They see just about everything there is to see on these tours. The second time, they have decided which places they like best, and they make their own tour."

"We will be on a sightseeing charter bus tour in

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Basque Dancers To Appear Here

The spirited swirling vitality of the Basque folk-dance will be showcased Friday in the El Camino College auditorium when the Olaeta Basque Festival of Bilbao presents its second American dance tour.

The troupe, created and directed by Victor Olaeta, well-known for his choreography folklore of the Basque people seldom seen outside their mountain tops homes in the Pyrenees. Their dances reflect a cul-

ture that goes back to the Stone Age according to some scientists and a celebration of life that holds in equal reverence the chores of a village fisherman and a dance by pagan warriors to the moon.

Such colorful dances as the Usatai Dantza (dance of the basketmakers), the Ex-path-Dantza (dagger dance), and the comic Zagi Dantza (goatskin dance) left American audiences and critics

praising their rhythms and bounding spirit.

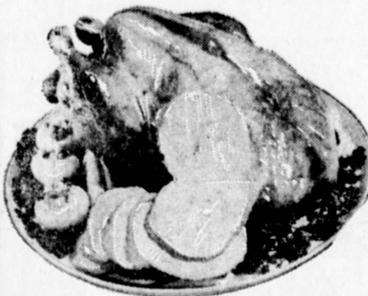
Besides the varied and eye-catching costumes of the company, the instruments of the 18-man troupe are also unique. The Txistu, a three-holed flute, the Alboka, a shepherd's horn, and the Tambour Basque, a type of tambourine, add musical au-

thenticity to their folk dances.

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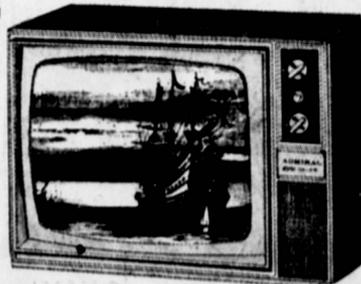
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